The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Veterans Day and honoring the Veterans of Contra Costa County.

Resolution No. 2021/374

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of Armistice Day;

WHEREAS, in 1938, an act was passed to make November 11th a Federal Holiday dedicated to the cause of world peace and would be known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, a new act was passed which changed the name, from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and has been celebrated ever since; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who, in defense of our freedom, have bravely worn the uniform of the United States; and

WHEREAS, our Veterans have defended our nation's ideals established by our founding fathers, protected the innocent, and liberated the oppressed, from tyranny and terror; and

WHEREAS, the freedom and security enjoyed by Americans is the direct result, of the sacrifices, of those who have served, and who are serving, in our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, our Veterans have served with honor, courage, and commitment in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Iraq, and other military actions protecting our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, as well as the start of the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Global War on Terrorism sent troops to both Afghanistan and Iraq in which it shaped the experiences of multiple generations of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans, of the War on Terrorism, served with honor and devotion, and made the world safer. Their sacrifices and courage will not be forgotten, by our community; and

WHEREAS, our Veterans, who were once leaders in the Armed Forces, are now pioneers of industry and pillars of their communities. Their character reflects our enduring American spirit and, in their example, we find inspiration and strength;

WHEREAS, many of our Veterans continue to serve one another, via the more than 20 Veteran service organizations, throughout Contra Costa County, while remaining able to provide invaluable services, to our Veterans. Examples are assistance with health claims, job training programs, community support, mental health services, and countless hours of volunteer services, throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice and all of those who've not yet returned home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize and honor the men and women, of our country, who have served, and who are serving, in our Armed Forces of the United States, in observance of Veterans Day 2021.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9th day of November 2021.

DIANE BURGIS

Chair,

District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: November 9, 2021

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

Deputy